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1. The following were present:

Mr. Clinton
Mr. Kain
Colonel Picknell
Major Jacobson
Capt. Norgaard
Lieut. Madden
Major Malone

State
State
Army
Army
Navy
Navy
Air Force
CIA (Chairman)
CIA (Vice Chairman)

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2. Production Planning Schedules

The Chairman announced that the production planning schedules through fiscal year 1958 would be consolidated and sent out to the Committee members prior to the next regular meeting. Difficulties have arisen over the development of Chapter VI schedules because of the separate allocation responsibilities for the Soviet Bloc and non-Bloc areas. These difficulties were unusually complicated this year but the Chairman felt that this problem could be resolved in future schedules by careful planning and coordination. He agreed to a suggestion by the Army member that D/B coordinate the overall Chapter VI schedule in the event that the regular procedures for Chapter VI coordination were found inadequate.

3. Treatment of NIS 39

The State member said that State's report on the suggested treatment for NIS 39 (see NIS Committee Meeting No. 179) was not yet ready. He requested that this matter be deferred until the report had been drafted and circulated to the Committee members, which should be before the next regular meeting of the NIS Committee.

4. Production Situation

Following the review of NIS production for the first quarter of FY 1955 (see NIS Committee Meeting No. 179) the members reported on the production situations in their Agencies as follows:

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State: The State member reported that his Agency is feeling the effects of the Foreign Service integration program with its resultant uncertainties and morale factors.

Army: The Army member reported his Agency is about 50% ahead of last year's production of comparable date. He stated Army has taken drastic steps to further improve production, but whether they will provide the necessary results is questionable since Army intelligence components are about 25% under strength. The Chairman suggested a special meeting with Army representatives for the purpose of developing procedures to further the guidance of analysts as a means of reducing review problems.

Navy: The Navy member said that Navy's reduced production was caused by getting on with the new coordination responsibility for Chapter VIII. He felt, however, that Navy would shortly be fully meeting its commitments.

Air Force: The Air Force member reported his Agency will not be in a very good position until around the first of the year due to organizational changes and to the fact that Chapters I are taking a little more time on their part. He also reported the Outline to Section 83 is being revised in line with current Air Force requirements and will be submitted to the Committee in the near future for approval.

5. Chapter I

a. Copies of page proofs and related maps and graphics on Chapter I of NIS 7 (Denmark) were distributed to the members for review. The Chairman suggested that the Committee meet in a special session, together with the Chapter I Task Group in D/B, on Tuesday, 26 October 1954, for the purpose of discussing agencies' comments on the draft and problems relating to Chapter I production and procedures.

b. The State and Navy members advised that their requirements for Chapters I are unchanged (State: 30 - Navy: 101). The Army and Air Force members will later notify the Chairman on the requirements of their respective agencies.

c. The Chairman stressed the necessity for meeting deadlines of Chapters I since all contributions must be available before preparing the Chapter I map, and the review of individual contributions to Chapter I is dependent upon examination of inter-related factors involving other contributions.

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6. NIS Production on Indonesia

The State member reported that his Agency would be unable with present capabilities to augment production on Chapters IV, V, and VI of NIS 100 (Indonesia) before fiscal year 1958. However, there is a possibility that the additional support in fulfillment of USIA requirements may permit earlier work on Indonesia. State is also looking into the possibility of some augmentation of capabilities through external research contracts.

In respect to Chapter VIII on NIS 100, the Navy member said that Section 82 was scheduled for fiscal year 1956 but he would explore with the other Defense Agencies the possibility of including a condensed Chapter VIII this year.

The Army member reported that CINCPAC had made known high priority requirements for NIS on the following Southeast Asian countries: Burma, Thailand, Malaya, and Indonesia. Army is awaiting comments on this matter from CINCPAC before taking further action. The Chairman requested that the Committee be kept informed of developments.

7. Chapter IX Committee Reports

The Chairman was advised that members had not received copies of the 5 October 1954 report of a meeting of the Chapter IX Subcommittee held on 30 September 1954 which includes not only projected schedules for FY 1956, 1957 and 1958 but various other factors concerning NIS production and maintenance. The Chairman will ask the Chapter IX Coordinator to send an additional copy of this report (and all subsequent Chapter IX Subcommittee reports) to each member for consideration of its substantive aspects at the next regular meeting of the NIS Committee.

8. USIA and PW Requirements

The Chairman briefed the Committee on the developments involving NIS support of intelligence requirements for the US Information Agency (USIA) and the Army's Office of the Chief of Psychological Warfare (OCPW). From the NIS viewpoint, both of these requirements have much in common, relying extensively on NIS Chapters IV, V, and VI. The USIA is authorized to receive available NIS on all world areas. The Chairman will meet shortly with USIA representatives to give them guidance in the selection of NIS elements which will support USIA requirements. After the USIA has had experience with the NIS, the Chairman said he would propose that the USIA send representatives to confer with the NIS Committee relative to any additional USIA requirements which might be appropriate to include in the NIS Outline. At that meeting representation should also include other interested agencies, such as OCPW and OCB, so that the problem can be viewed in broad perspective.

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Several recent meetings have been held with representatives of CIA and OCPW relative to intelligence support of psywar requirements. At these meetings the Chairman expressed the view that maximum use should be made of the NIS and its detailed files in fulfilling these requirements. The Chairman noted that both the USIA and psywar requirements were so highly specialized they could not appropriately be wholly satisfied by the NIS.

9. Miscellaneous

A. The State member requested that paragraph 7 (Treatment of the Saar) of NIS Committee Meeting No. 178 be amended to read:

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a. Chapter IV (Sociological) on [REDACTED] should treat the Saar separately as an annex.

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b. Chapters V (Political) and VI (Economic) should treat [REDACTED] separately as annexes under [REDACTED]

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B. The Army member reported that after thorough examination of NIS Memorandum No. 20 (Preparation of NIS Maintenance Contributions) it was concluded that maintenance of Section 81 of NIS 18 (Czechoslovakia) is not warranted at this time. The Army member therefore proposed that this section be dropped from the schedule, with no substitutions. The proposal was approved by the Committee.

C. The Army member reported that he had in his files Air Force drafts of Sections 37 and 83 on NIS 34 (Afghanistan). The Army member was requested to turn this material back to the Air Force for incorporating material in Section 37 into Section 83. The Air Force member will also look into the matter of bringing the material in these sections up to date before publication.

10. A special meeting of the NIS Committee for discussion on Chapter I will be held at 1000 hours on 26 October 1954. The next regular meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 2 November 1954.

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